350. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—With reference to the answer to question 194 of the budget session of 1101, will the Government be pleased to state if it has come to any decision on the matters referred to therein?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Medical Officers and State functions.

351. Mr. Poulo Mmpilli. — (a) Will the Government be peased to state the reasons that induced the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to issue a circular stating that no officers of the department should attend any State functions without obtaining previous sanction;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state if Heads of Offices and Heads of Departments are not expected to be present at *Athachamayam* and to pay their respects to His Highness the Maharaja on His Highness' birthday?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The circular only meant that previous notice should be given to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer on such occasions, so that other arrangements may be made to work the institutions.

(b) Yes, that is the rule.

The tours of the Diwan and the Chief Engineer outside the State.

352. Mr. A. B. Salem.—I. Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Diwan and the Chief Engineer have travelled outside the State since the last budget session in their official or private capacities;

(b) if official, what are the places visited and purpose or object of the visits;

(c) the cost of such travel to the State;

II. whether any one was placed 'in charge' of the duties of the Diwan inside the State during such absence of the Diwan outside, and what arrangements were made for any possible emergency arising and needing orders of the Diwan on the spot?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes, in the official capacity.

(b) Only Madras. The Diwan's visit was like that of the previous year an annual one made in the interests of the administration of the State. It is not considered expedient to disclose the objects or purposes in detail. The Chief Engineer's visit was for the inspection of the Tullocks Garden buildings.

(c) Rs. 250-8-0 in the case of the Diwan and Rs. 208 in the case of the Chief Engineer.

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II. None was placed in charge. No special arrangements were made, and none was necessary, as the Diwan's orders, if required, could easily be obtained in emergent cases by telegraphic communication.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, whether the inspection was according to the Standing Orders of the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Chief Engineer is in charge of all the buildings in the State. Was the inspection according to *the Standing Orders*?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will you kindly refer to me to the Standing order?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is a provision in *the Public Works Code*.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want the number of the Standing Order. I asked whether the inspection was in accordance with *the Standing Orders*. The answer was "Yes".

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I say it is not *the Standing Orders* but *the Public Works Code*.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Chief Engineer is in charge of all the buildings belonging to the State.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question is whether his inspection is in accordance with *the Standing Orders*.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Which Standing Order? Will you kindly refer me to it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is provision in *the Public Works Code*.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question is whether it was in accordance with *the Standing Orders*. I ask the number of the Standing Order.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is in *the Public Works Code*.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question is whether it was in accordance with *the Standing Orders*. The answer is "Yes".

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I say it is under *the Public Works Code*.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then, the first answer is not correct. It is only under the provisions of *the Public Works Code*.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—All these orders are Standing Orders.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—These are all general Standing Orders. The others are Standing Orders for particular departments.

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Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Even under the general Standing Orders, the Head of a Department cannot leave the State without the previous sanction of the Diwan, and he must also give reasons. The Secretary's reply is perfectly right.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I thought that *the Standing Orders* are different from these *Codes*. We have got any number of *Codes—the Public Works Code, the Medical Code, the Jail Code*, and so on. Therefore, I ask whether it was in accordance with *the Standing Orders*.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is under the provisions of *the Public Works Code*.

President.—It is not a material matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Now I understand it. But may I know the reference?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Even apart from that, he is responsible for the buildings.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Article (2) (d) of *the Public Works Code*.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But it does not say he is to inspect buildings. May I know whether it is on record that this tour was for the inspection of the Tullocks Gardens?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

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